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1. RABBI WISCHNITZER'S NOVEMBER 22 LETTER TO AMBASSADOR SHERER WAS ANSWERED DECEMBER 1. COPY BEING POUCHED TO EUR/EE KENT BROWN. WE MADE POINT THAT JEWISH LEADERS HAVE ASSURED US IN THE PAST THAT IN EVERY CASE WHEN JEWISH CEMETERIES HAVE BEEN MOVED TO MAKEWAY FOR PUBLIC PROJECTS THE GOC HAS ACTED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE JEWISH COMMUNITY.

2. PHONE CALL TO ILTIS DECEMBER 23 CONFIRMED THAT COUNCIL FOR JEWISH RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES IS AWARE OF PLANS TO BUILD A HIGHWAY IN THE KOMARNO AREA WHICH WOULD REQUIRE THE RELOCATION OF SOME OF THE GRAVES. ILTIS SAID THAT THE MATTER HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE PUBLIC, AGREED THAT IT WAS AN IMPORTANT QUESTION, AND ASSURED US THAT HIS ORGANIZATION IS CONSULTING WITH GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIALS AND WOULD SEE TO IT THAT THE INTERESTS OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY WERE PROTECTED. HE ADDED THAT THERE WAS STILL TIME TO WORK ON THE PROBLEM.
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